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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: VIRUS LIKE PARTICLES, THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE
PREFERABLY IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCREENING AND FUNCTIONAL
GENOMICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the first paragraph of the application with the following text:

--This is a continuation in part of ser. no. 09/673,257, filed 25 October 2000,
which is a 371 of PCT/EP00/06144, filed 26 June 2000, which is a 365 of ser. no.
60/191,318, filed June 30, 1999, the disclosures of said ser. no. 09/673,257 and said
PCT/EP00/06144 being incorporated herein by reference. --

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the enclosed Abstract with the Abstract filed with the
application.

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